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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PASS TO USEEC

AMEMBASSY VIENNA PASS TO USIAEA

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW US NON-PROLIFERATION
POLICIES

REFS: (A) STATE 189926 (NOTAL); (B) MEXICO 13602 (NOTAL);

(C) VIENNA 7704; (D) STATE 193802 (NOTAL)

1. NEW SCICOUNS HAS NO STRONG OPINION AS TO MOST DESIRABLE
COURSE TO FOLLOW AMONG THE OPTIONS PRESENTED IN REFTEL
(A).

2. CLEARLY, SOME MECHANISM WILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED TO
SUPPLY THE FUEL FOR THE LAGUNA VERDE REACTOR, LATEST
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SCHEDULE FOR WHICH WAS REPORTED IN MEXICO A-147. EQUALLY
CLEARLY, AT LEAST TO US, THE METHOD SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE
AND STRAIGHTFORWARD AS POSSIBLE FOR A COUNTRY SUCH AS
MEXICO WHICH HAS BEEN AMONG THE WORLD'S LEADERS IN PROMOT-
ING NON-PROLIFERATION.

3. IF THE ADMINISTRATION'S "NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY ACT

OF 1977" BECOMES LAW IN SOMETHING CLOSE TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM, WE WOULD TEND TO THINK THAT EITHER PARA 6 OR PARA 7 PROCEDURE OF REFTEL (A) MIGHT BE CAPABLE OF BEING SOLD TO THE GOM.

4. FYI: DURING A DINNER MEETING WITH MEXICANS AT JULY IANEC MEETING IN LIMA, HELFRICH (ERDA) AND WILCOX NOTED THAT CONTINUING ABSENCE OF A US-MEXICO NUCLEAR BILATERAL WAS CREATING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS. WE NOTED ESPECIALLY THE OREGON STATE RESEARCH REACTOR MATTER. GOM REPS WERE NON-COMMITTAL, BUT SEEMED WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND MOST INTERESTED IN EXPLORING SOLUTIONS. FROM THIS, WE ARE OF OPINION THAT NEGOTIATION OF A BILATERAL MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO EXPLORE THIS FURTHER WITH GOM IF AND WHEN DEPT DEEMS IT ADVISABLE.

5. ABOVE IS NOT INTENDED TO CONTRADICT USIAEA'S EXCELLENT COMMENTARY (REFTEL C). WE WOULD EXPECT THAT FURTHER CLUES TO GOM POSITIONS ON THIS MATTER WILL SURFACE DURING THE UPCOMING VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS OF THE TRILATERAL RE THE OREGON STATE AGN-201 TRANSFER. THOMPSON

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